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£23,970,367
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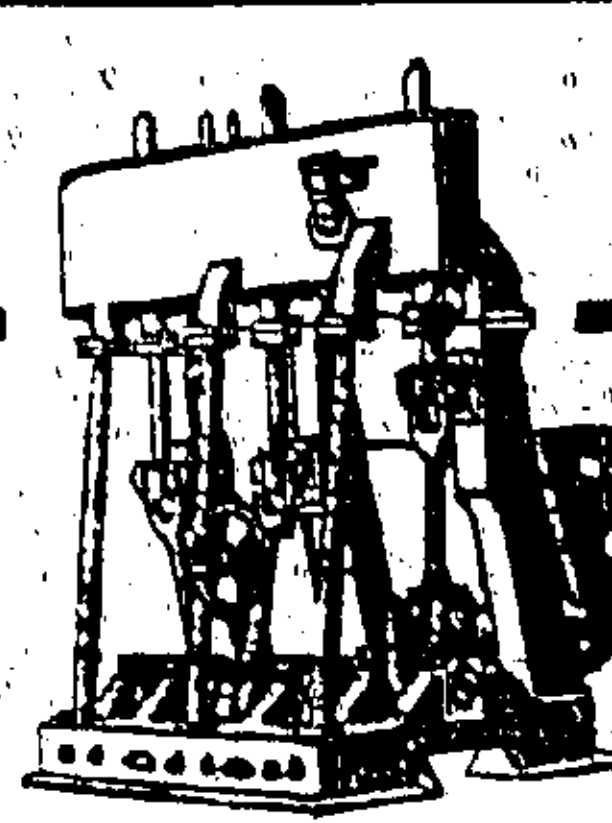
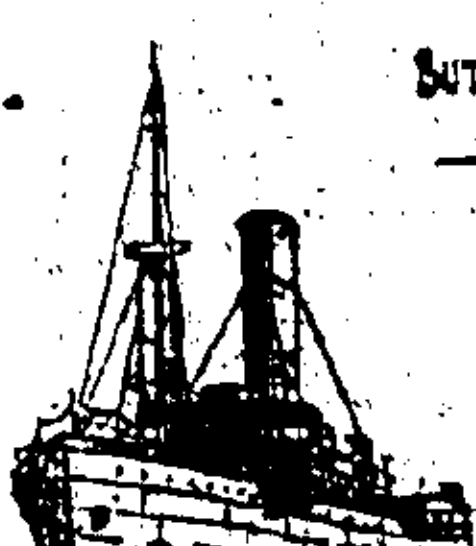
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THE WAR.
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**THE DISASTROUS
EXPLOSION IN
LONDON.**
ITS EFFECTS DESCRIBED.
—
London, Jan. 21.
The firemen were able to circum-
scribe the fire.
Heartrending scenes attended the
removal of women and girls from
blazing premises. Many were un-
conscious, having been stunned by
the shock. Some were terribly
burned and charred.
A crowd of tugs was soon busy
taking victims across the water to
every hospital within reach. One
child a few months old was extri-
cated from a heap of ruins, once its
parent's home, being the sole sur-
vivor of a family of six.
Fires were still burning relent-
lessly at midnight. Roof after roof
collapsed with terrific crashes, and
the flames rose higher and higher.
Expanding fountains and the masts
of shipping stood out clearly sil-
houetted in the sky. The scene was
awful in its grandeur.
As evidence of the force of the
explosions, it is stated that a huge
piece of a boiler, weighing three or
four tons, was found in a field 400
yards from the scene of the disaster.
Another piece, a "ton" in weight,
crashed into a butcher's shop instan-
taneously killing the occupants.
The district in the immediate
neighbourhood of the explosion looks
as if it had been visited by a terrible
earthquake. Houses have been
demolished wholesale, the roofs being
ripped off and many buildings have
been left with only one wall stand-
ing.
Apparently places on either side of
the river suffered most severely, the
concussion apparently travelling over
the water rather than over land. In
some cases dwellings several miles
down the river suffered more than
buildings much closer to the scene.
In a few isolated cases windows in
the heart of London were smashed.
Some plate glass in Kingsway was
blown out and windows were broken
in St. James' Park. There was
much damage to glass at Brixton,
Brockley and Greenwich. The shock
was most severely felt at Lewisham
and Catford.

THE WESTERN FRONT.
—
**GERMAN ATTACK EASILY
REPULSED.**
—
Paris, Jan. 21.
A French communiqué states:
A German attack in the direction of
Canny-sur-Metz, in the region of
Lassigny, was easily repulsed. We took
prisoners.
—
**CONDITIONS AT THE
FRONT.**
—
SICKNESS REDUCED TO A
MINIMUM.
—
London, Jan. 22.
Router's Correspondent at Head-
quarters, describing the conditions there,
says a white mantle covers the semi-
frozen ground. The trenches are already
in a slushy and deplorable mess, which
is inevitable when the ground really
thaws. Nevertheless, conditions in the
permanent trenches are better than last
winter. If we are uncomfortable, the
Germans are far worse. Everything is
being done to mitigate our hardships,
including the use of skin coats, wading
boots, muggers, mittens and good hot
meals served to the men in the front-
line. Consequently sickness and "trench-
feet" are reduced to a minimum.

THE BLOCKADE.
—
**GREAT SCARCITY IN ENEMY
COUNTRIES.**
—
London, Jan. 22.
An interview with Lord Robert
Ceel, Minister of Blockade, published
in France, describing the work of the
blockade, concludes:—"The scarcity in
Germany is undoubtedly very grave."
There is every reason to believe that
the condition of her allies is worse.
The telegram from Rotterdam an-
nouncing the meeting of Austro-
Hungarian statesmen in Berlin to discuss
the feeding question coincides with the
most serious food crisis yet reached.
In Berlin many bakeries have closed
down for lack of supplies and many
householders have been without bread
for a fortnight. The failure of the potato
harvest is accountable for the scarcity,
as potato-flour is necessary in bread-
making. Milk, also, is extremely scarce
and very dear. A new regulation orders
that sausages shall contain at least 12%
per cent. of bran.

ORGANISING LABOUR.
—
London, Jan. 21.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain, addressing
the alliance of Employers and Employed
at Birmingham, said: "Perhaps it
will depend on our efforts during the
next few weeks whether there will be
a fourth winter campaign or not. The
colossal task of organising the nation
must be faced. The nation must
understand that the Government is
most earnest about it and will not
hesitate to take what steps they think
necessary for victory, if voluntary
service is insufficient."

MR. BALFOUR'S NOTE.
—
GERMANS INFURIATED.
—
London, Jan. 22.
Mr. Balfour's Note to President
Wilson has infuriated the Germans.
The Koelnische Zeitung says:
"The reply to British arrogance,
distortions and menaces must be the
sword and torpedo."

**THE RUSSIANS ON THE FRENCH
FRONT.**
—
**FIND THE WINTER WEATHER
"MILD."**
—
London, Jan. 22.
Router's Correspondent at French
Headquarters has visited the Rus-
sian sector and says the Russians,
who are mostly Eastern-front
veterans, are finding the weather
"mild."
The Germans greatly resent the
presence of the Russians and send
over gas at every opportunity, but
the precautions taken by the Rus-
sians is effective.
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**SHORTAGE OF WOLFRAM IN
GERMANY.**
—
Paris, Jan. 22.
The Germans are offering a big
prize for a substitute for wolfram,
of which there is a shortage.

**WOLFRAM DISCOVERIES IN
CORNWALL.**
—
London, Jan. 22.
New lodes of Wolfram are stated
to have been discovered in Cornwall,
sufficient to provide a large propor-
tion of the British requirements.

INTIMATIONS

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY, 25th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co. Ltd.,
General Agents for the
West Point Building Company Limited,
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1415

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
THE GENERAL MANAGERS,
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1414

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1413

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY, 25th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1412

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the UNION TRADING COMPANY of No. 3 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, that on and after this date and until further notice Mr. S. M. CHURN and Mr. C. HONKEY are the only Managers of the firm and no person except them has any authority to sign any instrument or document on behalf of the firm.

The public is requested to bring to the firm's notice any document or instrument purported to be made by the firm whether before or after this date which is not signed by either the said S. M. CHURN or the said C. HONKEY.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
UNION TRADING COMPANY.
Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1917. 1420

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Forage and Indian Supplies, 20th February, 1917.

Meat and General Supplies "A", 22nd February, 1917.

Hospital Supplies, 1st March, 1917.

General Supplies "B", 2nd March, 1917. Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally at the above Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Forage, etc."

Tenders must be, and will not be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$100, as a guarantee of good faith, such sum to be forfeited to the State if the tenderer fails to attend at the Headquarters Office after twenty-four hours' notice in writing being left at the tenderer's address, or fails to send in samples within twenty-four hours of written application being left at the said address, or refuses to accept a contract allotted to him.

The right to reject all, or any, tenders is specially reserved.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 3 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY the 23rd and 24th instant.

Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1917. 1427

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Hongkong, Jan. 20, 1917. 1429

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NOTICE.

FROM 1st February till further notice the following changes will be made in the Company's Time Table.

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From 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour instead of every ten minutes.
From 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. every ten minutes instead of every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS & WEEK-DAYS.
The 8.10 p.m. car will be discontinued.
Hongkong, Jan. 15, 1917. 1420

SECOND 5½ RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916.

ALTHOUGH the subscription lists were closed on the 26th December, the RUSSO ASIATIC BANK, Hongkong, is prepared to ACCEPT ORDERS for the above Loan up to the 13th FEBRUARY on the subscription terms as previously advertised.

Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1917. 1323

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THE ORDEAL OF THE BATH.

The correspondent at Basle of the Daily News, writes as follows:

I have just passed a morning at Otterbach, a suburb of Basle, situated on the German-Swiss frontier, watching the exodus of Germans from the Fatherland. Before the war the German trains crossed the frontier at this point and steamed into the "Baden" railway station, a mammoth building erected in Swiss territory at a cost of nearly £1,000,000 by the German Government and owned, of course, by Germany.

At the outbreak of war the Swiss politely but firmly told the German Government that German railway trains would no longer be allowed to enter Swiss territory, and to-day the station is occupied by Swiss soldiers. Teutonic and neutral travellers leaving Germany alight from the train outside Otterbach, where they are searched and examined, and having passed through the Swiss Customs house on the other side of the gate, drive in taxis or omnibuses to the Swiss railway stations in Basle, where they resume their journey.

A barbed-wire fence guarded by elderly Landsturm men separates Swiss territory from the little yard in which the preliminary examination of the travellers takes place, and when the express arrives each morning from Berlin a crowd of Swiss nurse-maids and children and a few night workers invariably assemble to watch the proceedings.

The travellers stand in rows and the German special police survey them closely. In the Customs house the officials search principally for gold and foodstuffs. In the rare case in which either is found the offending traveller is at once arrested. From the Customs house the travellers pass into the investigation department, where each person undergoes a cross-examination much severer and more thorough than that which he may have had to undergo in the yard. This ordeal over, the men pass to the right into a searching room, the ladies to the left into another.

THE HOT BATH.

German thoroughness also characterises this part of the procedure. There is no half-hearted searching. The woman searcher always combs the hair of the ladies in case written messages or documents are concealed there. Whilst the searching is taking place, a warm bath is prepared for the person searched, and he or she, as the case may be, proceeds to the bathroom. The compulsory bath, I was told, has only figured in the programme during the last few weeks, but the Germans insist on it because they declare, rightly or wrongly, that much valuable information written in invisible ink upon the bodies of travellers was previously conveyed out of Germany. The hot bath, in which a chemical is dissolved, is expected automatically to erase any such messages.

A Swiss friend and myself reached the barbed-wire fence this morning before the nurse-maids and the perambulators. We heard the distant whistle of the express, and five minutes or so later the passengers, who numbered about 25, were standing in an irregular line in the road. They were the usual motley collection of wartime travellers—the woman with the baby, the woman with the pet dog and three large hat-boxes, an official-like personage, a few

men who were probably commercial travellers, and the inevitable American. THE GIRL WHO STUDIED MUSIC.

The Chief of Police and two or three subordinates walked up and down before the travellers, eyeing each of them keenly. Once or twice the Chief stopped with a jerk, tapped his moustache and looked very grave. All the passengers were allowed to enter the Customs house except three—a girl, about 20 years of age, a young man, and a man who might be fifty.

"Your passport, Fraulein," said the chief politely. He studied the document closely, his eyes passing from the photograph to the girl and back again.

"What were you doing in Berlin?" "Studying music," she said. "Why could you not study music in Switzerland?" asked the chief, severely. "I suppose I could; but you know it's the thing to go to Berlin or Leipzig."

"Yes, it's the thing," he repeated. "What school did you attend?" he added sharply.

"The Conservatoire, of course."

"What was the name of your professor?"

"Bring me the latest musical directory," said the chief to one of the subordinates. Next, "Where do you live, Fraulein?"

"She gave an address in Zurich. Which floor?"

"What is the name of the person on the floor below yours, and the profession of the occupier of the flat above?"

She answered promptly.

"Now bring me the latest official directory of the City of Zurich," said the chief, as the subordinate handed him the musical directory. His investigations into both volumes seemed to prove the accuracy of the girl's statement; and, having saluted her, he signalled to her to enter the Customs House. The two men speedily proved their bona fides, and the chief disappeared also into the Customs House. No spies were caught this morning.

HOW THE GERMANS CROSSED THE DANUBE.

One of the war correspondents had this to say on the subject:—

The astonishing facility with which the Danube was crossed by a German army between Sigmund and Zimmern is to be explained—like most German successes since the beginning of the war—by technical superiority. Powerful long-range batteries were established at many points on the right bank and on several islands, and these prevented the Russian and Rumanian gunboats from navigating the river. At the same time other long-range batteries crushed or drove back the Rumanian batteries which, on the left bank, had tried in vain to defeat the German attacks. Then Austrian monitors, having nothing to fear from the Russian and Rumanian boats, interfered, and protected that operation which in one jump brought the enemy to the vicinity of Bucharest.

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THE WAR.
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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE GERMAN RAIDER.

IDENTIFIED AS THE "MOBYE."

THE DISGUISES IN WHICH IT OPERATES.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 20.
The raider is undoubtedly the *Miner*. It is believed she left Kiel under the Danish flag, with a cargo of hay heaped on her deck to conceal the torpedo tubes. She carried a minelaying apparatus, telescopic funnels, and many supplementary plates for the purpose of changing the appearance of her deck. When last seen she was painted black, but probably she has often changed the painting, as traces of the Danish colours were noticeable on the hull beneath the last coat of paint.

THE "HUDSON-MARU."

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 20.
The Minister of Marine, interviewed, stated that the *Hudson-maru* will not be interned at Pernambuco, but will remain there as a German prize, the Brazilian authorities considering her a German ship.

INSURANCE RAISED.

LONDON, Jan. 20.
The New York marine insurance rates to South America and the West Indies have advanced from 2 1/2 to 10 per cent, but it is believed that the raider will avoid the North Atlantic lanes.

THE CREWS AND CARGOES.

LONDON, Jan. 20.
A German official announcement states that the British steamer *Farnborough* was brought into a harbour on the 31st December as a prize. She had a prize crew of 19, and carried 489 members of the crew-of-ships captured in the Atlantic and put on board. The cargoes of these vessels comprised chiefly war-material and food-stuffs. Three British sunken ships were armed. One hundred and three neutrals among the crews were detained as prisoners because they were employed on enemy vessels.

ANOTHER ISSUE BETWEEN AMERICA AND GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.
The German Admiralty statement that neutrals in the crews of the vessels captured by the German raider have been removed as prisoners-of-war raises another issue between the United States and Germany, if Americans are included among them. It is maintained that the men can be considered war prisoners only if the vessels are considered war vessels. The State Department have held the view throughout that a vessel cannot be classed as a war ship unless it is under naval orders and a naval flag, and manned by a naval crew.

THE WAR LOAN.

LONDON, Jan. 20.
The new Rubber Sharebrokers' Association has approved for £80,000 worth of the War Loan.

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THE RUSSIAN FRONT.
NEW GERMAN METHODS.

PARIS, Jan. 20.
The *Times* correspondent at Petrograd reports that the Germans are resorting to a number of ingenious new methods with the object of reducing the number of troops holding the front line trenches. They no longer extend along the whole front, but break off at certain points. Powerful redoubts, forts, and block houses, thickly wire-encircled, are constructed in the intervals between the trenches. More barbed-wire is laid out on the ground before the redoubts, and forts thick enough to resist the ordinary clippers. These measures obviate the employment of supporting reserves nearer than two miles from the front.

THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 20.
General Sir Archibald Murray has received the honour of G.C.M.G.

THE COMMANDER HONOURED.

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RUSSIAN POLITICAL TROUBLES.

LONDON, Jan. 20.
The fresh adjournment of the Duma, on the eve of its reassembling, causes no surprise in view of the recent changes nullifying the late hopes of cordial co-operation between the Parliament and the Ministers.

GERMANS ON SWISS FRONTIER.

PARIS, Jan. 20.
The Germans are concentrating large forces on the Swiss frontier.

HINDENBURG TO VISIT ALSACE.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 20.
German papers state that von Hindenburg will shortly visit the Alsatian front.

GENERAL TOWNSHEND.

LONDON, Jan. 20.
A Constantinople telegram states that General Townshend has been removed from Prinkipo Island to another place of internment as a "precautionary measure."

CANADA'S WAR VOLUNTEERS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.
The number of Canadians who have enlisted since the War is 887,400.

STRANGE TALE OF A SPANISH SUBMARINE.

LONDON, Jan. 20.
An extraordinary and unexplained tale appears in the evening papers of a Spanish submarine of 500 tons having arrived in the Sound from America bound for some Swedish port.

RAID ON "THE FIELD" OFFICE.

WAR OFFICE EXPLANATION.
LONDON, Jan. 20.
The War Office announces that the offices of the Field newspaper were not raided, and were not searched. The Editor, Mr. Cook, was visited there, but on giving his word of honour that he had no papers connected with the White Powder Syndicate, of which he is chairman, no search was attempted

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By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1917. 1437

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A. R. LOWE,

Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1917. 1438

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twelfth Annual GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Limited, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1916. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th January to 3rd February both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED, General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1917. 1440

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THE DIARY.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Chinese New Year.

General Holiday.

4 p.m.—Charity Football Match on H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24:—

General Holiday.

10 a.m. Cricket.—Married v. Single on H.K.C.C. ground.

4 p.m. Football.—Volunteers v. R.G.A.

THURSDAY, Jan. 25:—

Burns' Night.

FRIDAY, Jan. 26:—

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders and Subscribers to St. John's Cathedral.

SATURDAY, Jan. 27:—

Entries close for Hongkong Race Meeting.

SUNDAY, Jan. 28:—

H.K. Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

11.30 a.m.—West Point Building Co's Meeting.

11.45 a.m.—H.K. Central Estate Ltd's Meeting.

Noon.—H.K. Land Investment and Agency Co's Meeting.

12.15 p.m.—H.K. Land Reclamation Co's Meeting.

3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 31:—

5 p.m.—Price Distribution by Midway at St. Paul's Institution.

dependant on the seasons. The fifth moon holiday, for instance, comes when the young rice has been transplanted, and the eighth moon holiday is really the harvest festival of China. Advance the time of observance of these holidays by four or six weeks and it would cause the maximum amount of inconvenience. What the adoption of the Gregorian calendar really amounts to, therefore, is an increase in the number of holidays for the public officials and for the great business houses in the cities of China. To the old lunar festivals are now added not only the Gregorian New Year, but also holidays in celebration of the inauguration of Republican Government in China. Perhaps the new rulers of China take the view that as the people of China generally work seven days a week, they can well stand these extra holidays.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Tomorrow being China New Year, there will be no issue of the China Mail.

Five cases of enteric fever were reported in the Colony last week, two ending fatally.

Small pox is reported to be bad at Canton. The Government has established 48 vaccination stations in Canton city.

An American cablegram states that the Japanese liner *Tsushima Maru* reached San Francisco, on fire last week. Every effort was being made to extinguish the outbreak and save the cargo.

Mr. Tom Gunn, the well-known Chinese aviator, has reported to the Police that while he was walking in Jervois Street yesterday, a gold watch and chain, valued at seventy dollars, was stolen from him.

The Shanghai Municipal Police last week, acting under a British warrant, arrested Mr. F. J. Howard, described in the Hong List as secretary and general manager of the Central Garage Co., Ltd. Full details of the charge were not made known but it appears that embezzlement of the funds of the company is alleged.

Out of the sum of \$4,000,000 payable for 1916 to the late Imperial family only \$1,200,000 had been paid down to a week ago, and pressure was being brought on the Government to pay up the remainder before China New Year, as the Imperial House had to meet great expenses to pass the season.

Our readers are reminded of the exhibition football match, for charity, between Civilians and Services to be played on the H. K. F. C. ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow, afternoon. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers. Admission to stand \$1; to enclosure 50 cents. The Civilians' colours will be red and green, and the Services' blue and white hoops. Kick at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Malpas, the Headmaster of Medhurst College, Shanghai, is reported to have spoken as follows at the annual prize giving:—For the first time a class had been formed to compete for the Hongkong University examinations, but the fate of the first class was not yet known as the examination was held only a month ago. Mr. Malpas spoke of the advantages of working for examinations for a university in China, instead of one at home, in that the Hongkong institution caters for the special circumstances of Chinese boys and is able to announce results more quickly; also, a larger percentage of those who pass are likely to proceed to Hongkong.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

At an Examination in First Aid held recently the following were successful:—Chau Kwongshing, Ho Tak-chiu, Lo Kwok-nin, Lai Li him, Li Shau-wo, Lo Kwok-lun, Leung Cheuk-king, Mak Wai-man, So Cheuk-lai, Sun Lu-jung, Sun Yu-yik, Tso Chung-leung, Wu Lu-nam, Wong Yuk-hon and Young Ying-lai. Dr. Lim Soon-kin was Hon. Lecturer to the Class, and Dr. S. F. Lee acted as Hon. Examiner.

THE MAGISTRACY.

CHARGE AGAINST A SHIP'S OFFICER.

James Cooper, a ship's officer, charged with being drunk and disorderly in Nathan Road, Kowloon, appeared before Mr. Wood this morning. On the application of Mr. F. W. Goldring, solicitor for the defendant, the case was remanded for one month, bail of \$25 being accepted.

ALLEGED IMPORTING WITHOUT A PERMIT.

A Chinese charged with importing without a permit eight Winchester rifles, eight Mauser pistols and 1,500 rounds of ammunition, found by Sergeant Flower aboard the steamer *Monteagle* last Saturday, appeared before Mr. Melbourne. Mr. F. X. D'Almeida, defendall and the case was adjourned.

THEFT OF BAGS.

A Chinese charged with stealing nine bags from his employer pleaded guilty before Mr. Wood, stating that he used the bags to cover himself with. When a Lukong testified that he had arrested the man while attempting to sell the bags the defendant confessed that he was trying to obtain money for the New Year. Defendant was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

LARCENY AT KOWLOON.

Three Chinese, charged with larceny from a dwelling, were alleged to have entered the residence of Mr. A. W. Heron, Chater Bungalow, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and removed a number of articles among which were two clocks, a watch and chain, clothing and cooking utensils.

The defendants pleaded guilty and were sentenced to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

Two Chinese, a man and woman, were charged with receiving the stolen goods. They were both remanded.

AN OLD TRICK.

A Chinese woman while walking in Pottinger Street was accosted by a man who informed her that he had \$145 which he was instructed to give her.

She accompanied him to a house in Cochrane Street and there handed him a gold bangle and a gold ring, valued at \$66, as security. Upon receiving the articles the man ran away.

THE THEFT OF ANCHORS.

Charged on remand with the theft of two anchors from the French steamer *Hue*, belonging to Messrs. Marry & Co., M. Balusota, formerly Chief Officer of the *Hue*, appeared before Mr. Wood to-day.

The Hon. C.S.P. (Mr. McI. Messer) prosecuted and Mr. F. C. Jenkin defended.

Mr. Jenkin intimated that the important document in the case was not in the defendant's handwriting as alleged, but in that of a man named Martinson, who was second officer of the *Hue*. He also stated that he would call evidence to prove that Martinson, and not the defendant, was on duty on the *Hue* at the time of the alleged theft. Furthermore, he would show that on previous occasions Martinson had got hold of ship's stores and had been discovered by the defendant, then his superior officer.

Witnesses were then called and the case again adjourned.

THE SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

The number of small pox cases reported last week was 83—57 being in the city of Victoria and 26 in other districts. All but one were Chinese, the exception being a Japanese. One case was imported. There were 63 deaths.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.

Special privileges have always been accorded to Ministers of foreign countries travelling on Chinese railways but up till now no special regulation has been issued governing the same, says the "Peking Gazette." In order to make the system uniform the Ministry of Communications has drawn up the following rules:

1. A special car will be attached to any train for the use of Ministers of foreign countries when coming to China to assume office or on return to his own country. Only personal tickets will be required but no charge will be made for the special car.

2. A Minister of any foreign country may have a coupe reserved for him on any train, provided one ticket is bought for him, when he wishes to leave Peking on a trip.

NEW RECREATION GROUNDS OPENED.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Postmaster General, opened a new Tennis Court on Saturday at Leighton Road for the joint use of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. Tennis Club and the G. P. O. Recreation Club. There was a very large attendance.

Mr. Wolfe, who was introduced by Mr. Chan Harr, President of the Chinese Y. M. C. A., expressed the gratitude of both clubs to Mr. Anton of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. for kindly lending the grounds. Giving a brief account of how the two clubs united in securing the same grounds, he stated that the Chinese Y. M. C. A. had always been keen on sports but had been without a ground for some time and were on the lookout for such a place when they learned that the European Y. M. C. A. no longer required theirs.

Steps were, therefore, taken to obtain this ground. At the same time the G. P. O. were out on a quest of the same nature. For some time the health of the staff, particularly the Chinese staff, had been a matter of growing concern on the part of those in charge. As a result of the constant friction which the mail suffers on a journey sometimes of three or four thousand miles, it is covered with dust which the sorter freely inhales. Unless something can be done to counteract the effects of this, the health of those who handle the mails must be seriously impaired. Accordingly a bathing club was organized and proved successful. But need for more and varied recreation was felt, and after conferring with representatives of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. an agreement was easily reached which will no doubt prove to the benefit of both parties. The use of the grounds falls to the Y. M. C. A. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and to the G. P. O. on the remaining days of the week.

Exhibition games of Basketball, Volley Ball and Tennis were contested. In the Basketball match the Whites, (Captain Ko Sik Wai) won from the Reds, (Captain H. H. Shing) by 4 to 3. The Volley Ball was won by Queen's College against the Y. M. C. A., 2-0.

In the Tennis Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Watt, Mr. Ross and Mr. Britto, represented the G. P. O. The Y. M. C. A. was represented by Messrs. McPherson, and Wilson, Chan Wai Yau and Mohler. The result was a win by the Chinese Y. M. C. A.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY'S DIVIDEND.

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL CONTEMPLATED.

Subject to audit the Consulting Committee of the Union Waterboat Company Ltd., will recommend the payment of a dividend of \$1.25 per share, absorbing \$34,653; write \$15,000 off waterboats, \$500 off pipes and staging, \$1,000 off investments, and carry forward a balance of \$8,221.31.

The Consulting Committee have also in contemplation the reduction of the Company's Capital from \$277,230 to \$194,061, which will probably be effected by returning to shareholders the sum of \$3 in respect of each share held by them and thus reducing the face value of each share from \$10 to \$7.

BRITISH MAN-POWER IN SHANGHAI.

The following notification by H. M. Consul-General is published in the Shanghai Papers:—The heads of British firms, other than one man concerns, are requested to submit immediately:

(1) A return of all British members of their firms. The return should be arranged in order of value of the various members to the firm; so that, should conscription be introduced at any time, the necessary data will already be filed.

(2) A return of those members of their firm who can at once be spared for military service or similar employment without actual dislocation of the firm's business. In the case of firms having branches elsewhere in China, this return should include any such employees elsewhere.

These returns will be treated as confidential, and should be sent in covers marked "Return" and be addressed to H. M. Commercial Attaché's office.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Ilbert & Co's Floor Goods Market Report says:—

The market remains steady to firm but as we are now only four days off the usual date of closing of business prior to departure for their homes for the China New Year interval, of the native merchants from other parts of the country, there is naturally one or two outliers anxious for a few closing deals for cash, in fancy goods and white shirtings, the Changsha, Taingtau and Tainanfu merchants having money in hand for investment.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

3.30 p.m.
Banks 710 nominal
Hongkong Lands 85 nominal
Humphreys 7 buyers
H.K. Tramways 7 buyers
Kung Yik 125 b. x div.
Shai Cottons 117 buyers
116 & 117 sales

NEW YEAR IN CHINESE HOMES.

The following description of the observance of China New Year, written by a Northern Chinese a year or two ago, will doubtless possess an interest for many readers on the eve of China New Year.

The old year has passed away, the noise of fire-crackers gradually fades into the darkness of the distant hills. All the gods and spirits have been sent off with due pomp into the heavenly palace to attend the annual audience with the Heavenly King. With the exception of the God of Wealth and God of the Kitchen, the time of their return is not known. For this reason it is the custom to light candles and burn incense, all through the house, the first thing in the New Year morning.

In addition to the usual candles and incense sticks for the Ancestors, family gods, kitchen-god, god of wealth, spirit of the land and all the nameless passing gods, special honour is given to Heaven and the God of the Well. This is the only time of the year when the two last-named gods receive their share of worship which they enjoy for about a month. Of these two the former is considered of more importance, as Heaven is always the symbol of the Almighty, before whom filial sons and daughters pray for their parents' good health and long life.

The ceremony is very solemn though simple. The eldest son gets up early in the morning with his wife and noiselessly prepares some rice-four balls which they afterwards boil. A small tea table is placed in the centre of the courtyard, on which are arranged the candle sticks and incense burner together with three cups of rice-four balls. After the washing of hands the candles and incense sticks are lit, and the son and his wife worship in turn before the little table. Appropriate prayers are said while worshipping. Usually the worshippers pray for the blessings of Heaven to rest upon the aged grandfather or grandmother, to give them good health and prolong their lives.

The real family-social side of the New Year's day begins after the worship is over. Each member of the family receives a cup of rice-four balls as he leaves bed. In the wealthier families a cup of water-lily-seeds and dates is taken in addition to the rice-balls. The whole family, led by the eldest son and wife, congratulate the grandfather and grandmother by kow-towing to them four times. In turn, the grandsons and daughters kowtow to their parents in the same way. It is an old-time custom for the parents and grand-parents to give strings of white brass-cash to the children as New Year presents or charms. As these cash must all be of the same size, great pains are taken a few months ahead in picking and keeping them. It is now the custom to give dollars instead of cash, but in some families the old custom is still preserved in addition to the dollar-present.

After the family New Year ceremony is over, breakfast is served, usually in the form of fried Nien-how (New Year cake, rice-balls). The grown-ups then go out on a round of New Year calls, while the younger ones enjoy themselves with fire-crackers. It takes from one to five days to finish the calls. At the houses of the close relatives, and intimate friends the caller enters the house and bows. He sits a few minutes while tea and refreshments are served to him. But with ordinary friends or officials of the junior rank, he only leaves his card at the door. To save trouble and keep a careful record of the callers, a special box is called to the door with the notice: "For Caller's Card" on it. As nearly all people are out calling at the same time, very few friends are seen during the busy day of the New Year. The New Year call is, therefore, usually a long ride in the sedan chair.

While the men are out calling on friends, the ladies pass their time at home playing cards, dominoes, dice and sparrow-game. Petty gambling hallowed during the New Year, even in the most strictly disciplined homes. Until a few years before the Revolution, public gambling was allowed for three days. Children, dressed in their best suits, specially made for the occasion, visit the temples and public or private gardens which are usually open at this time. Toys are bought for the little ones as Europeans do at Christmas. In many ways the New Year is the Christmas of the Chinese children.

PAY FOR REVOLUTIONARY TROOPS.

DEMANDS OF THE PROVINCES.

Demands from the provinces for funds in order to pay off revolutionary troops continue to be received by the Central Government. Linn Chik-kuang has been again pressing for large sums and requests to be allowed to draw on the Kwangtung salt funds; this request, however, is not likely to be granted. Tang Chi-yao, the Treasurer of Yunnan, is also persistently demanding funds. The Government recently remitted to him a million dollars, but Tang Chi-yao again wired stating that this amount is insufficient and that he requires upwards of \$1,000,000 before the New Year.

DO YOU COUGH?

DON'T overstrain the fine membrane of your throat in trying to dislodge the phlegm. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will accomplish this for you, and cure the cold that is causing it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SPORTING.

WEDNESDAY HOLIDAY MATCH.

VOLUNTEERS v. R.G.A.
The Volunteers team will be:—Gokienberg, Black, McChibbin, Ralston, Stewart, Bailton, Walker, Robinson, Stalker, McTavish and Rodger. Kick off 4 p.m.

CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. v. MILITARY.

Played at Kowloon on Saturday.

KOWLOON.
L. J. Blackburn, c. Smith, b. Baker 19
J. H. Mead, c. Black, b. Wyatt 81
C. Woodmann, c. Black, b. Smith 0
W. L. Weaver, c. Smith, b. Storr 43
Lt. E. H. Gray, c. Storr, b. Wyatt 13
J. P. Robinson, c. Storr 4
W. T. Elson, c. Wyatt 0
Dr. Forsyth, b. Storr 3
W. F. A. Knapton, c. Dix, b. Baker 3
E. J. Edwards not out 2
H. Overy not out 1
Extras 6
Total 181

BOWLING.
O. M. R. W.
Lt. Baker 10 64 3
Smith 6 35 1
McGregor 5 52 1
Storr 6 30 3
Wyatt 4 17 3

MILITARY.
Lt. Baker, b. Overy 3
Sergeant McGregor, c. and b. Weaver 35
Wyatt, b. Gray 3
Smith, c. Woodmann, b. Gray 32
Dix, not out 77
Page, c. and b. Robinson 11
Storr, b. w., do. 13
Vial Golden did not bat
Black Extras 5
Total 331

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Gray 11 43 2
Weaver 9 52 1
Blackburn 6 30 3
Forsyth 2 18 0
Robinson 4 34 2

CHINESE RECREATION CLUB v. UNIVERSITY.

The C.R.C. defeated the University at Causeway Bay on Saturday, the scores being as follows:—

UNIVERSITY.
R. Ponsonby Fane, c. Wong, b. Un 20
J. D. Wright, b. Lee 2
C. O. Danenberg, b. Lee 2
A. de Souza, c. and b. Un 11
D. K. Samy, b. Un 0
A. H. Rumjahn, b. Un 13
A. H. G. Fane, b. Ching 6
D. P. Dixon, b. Ching 6
W. Hall, b. Ching 4
G. Hall, not out 2
S. A. Ismail, b. Un 3
Extras 3
Total 73

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
G. Lee 10 35 2
M. T. Yew 7 25 5
Un How Fan 6.3 20 3
H. Ching 4 16 3

C.R.C.
Wong Po Keung, retired 21
Wei Lee Son, b. Souza 11
G. Man Lee, c. Gittins, b. Souza 6
Yew Man Tsin, b. w., b. Dixon 6
H. Ching, b. Dixon 0
Un How Fan, c. Fane, b. Wright 12
G. Lee, b. Fane 18
J. Wong, c. Hall, b. Rumjahn 0
A. Kew, not out 16
Mok Hing, c. Hall, b. Fane 0
Extras 7
Total 89

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
D. P. Dixon 13 36 2
A. de Souza 5 18 2
J. D. Wright 3 19 1
A. H. Rumjahn 4 15 1
R. Ponsonby Fane 1.2 7 2
S. A. Ismail 1 0 0

RIFLE SHOOTING.

VOLUNTEER RESERVES BEAT DOCKYARD IN THE LEAGUE.

On Saturday afternoon the H.K. Volunteer Reserves beat the Dockyard H.C. in a Rifle League Match on the Tai Hang Range, by ten points. The scores were:—

VOLUNTEER RESERVES.
200 500 600
yds. yds. yds. TL.
C.Q.M.S. Mackay 32 29 34 94
Pte. Jenkins 30 31 29 90
Sgt. Leach 31 30 29 90
Pte. McLennan 28 32 38 98
C.Q.M.S. Tolan 28 32 38 98
Corpl. Lyon 25 32 27 84
Pte. Wornhill 25 27 30 82
Sgt. Bannerman 27 28 24 79
Total 226 235 233 694

*Open night DOCKYARD.

200 500 600
yds. yds. yds. TL.
Mr. Goodman 32 32 31 95
Mr. Elson 29 33 33 95
Mr. Brock 30 27 31 88
Mr. Allen 29 27 29 85
Mr. Sears 28 27 29 84
Mr. Cousins 28 28 29 85
Mr. Wright 30 28 24 82
Mr. Brown 24 29 24 76
Total 230 227 230 687

Less deduction of 4% for Aperture Sights 3

Net 684

The Reserves have now only to beat the Naval team on February 3rd and the Police Reserve on March 3rd to win the League.

AN ANCIENT CUSTOM DROPPED.

MONGOLIAN PRINCES' TRIBUTE.

The President last week received number of Mongolian Princes and Nobles who, according to ancient custom, go to Peking to pay annual tribute. These Princes, however, on exchange of presents, the President betrays of the opinion that such custom is not appropriate to modern conditions. Titles of nobility were conferred on some of these nobles.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

GOOD PROGRESS AROUND KUT.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

An official report from Mesopotamia says:

We have driven out the enemy from the area north-east of Kut-el-Amara and now hold the trench-system on a front of 2,600 yards to a depth of 1,100 yards.

We have cleared the enemy from the right bank of the Tigris from Kut-el-Amara down stream and have further progressed against the trenches on the right bank south-west of Kut-el-Amara.

RUMANIAN OPERATIONS.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE DEFINITELY CHECKED IN MOLDAVIA.

Jassy, Jan. 19.

The latest communications show that the enemy offensive in southern and western Moldavia has been definitely checked and that the Rumanians have achieved marked successes at different points.

A SEVERE STRUGGLE.

London, Jan. 21.

A German official report, received by wireless, states:

We captured on Friday, in addition to Nancetti, the whole bridgehead. We stormed several lines, capturing the town after a violent house-to-house struggle.

The Russians storming back across the Sereth bridges suffered heavily from our fire. We took 556 prisoners.

TWO COMMERCE RAIDERS.

CINEMATOGGRAPHING THE SINKINGS.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 22.

The Captain of the *Rainier*, interviewed, said he was chased by two commerce raiders after leaving Pernambuco (Brazil) on the 7th inst. He was quickly overhauled. Twenty-six Germans boarded the ship and took charge. He saw three vessels sunk, the Germans taking cinematograph views of the sinkings.

THE RAIDERS' VICTIMS.

New York, Jan. 22.

The *Yarrowdale*, with the raiders' victims, has arrived at St. Vincent.

[A Berlin official announcement has stated that the "Yarrowdale" has been brought to Swinemunde.]

RESERPT BY THE TSAR.

Petrograd, Jan. 22.

The Tsar in a Rescript urges Prince Goltz, the new Premier, to devote his attention to provisioning the armies and civilians, and the improvement by rail and water of the transport. His Majesty hopes that the Council of Empire and the Duma will support the Ministers who, he says, will find the support of the Zemstvos invaluable. He declares it to be the duty of all servants of the State to show good will towards the Legislature.

LATEST SINKINGS.

London, Jan. 22.

The steamers *Valle* (Spanish), *Dagmar* (Danish) and *Bergenhuis* (Norwegian) have been sunk.

SUBMARINE LINERS AS FOOD-CARRIERS.

London, Jan. 22.

The Paymaster-General, Sir H. Compton-Rickett, speaking at Doncaster, unofficially suggested that submarine liners might be employed as food-carriers.

THE SPANISH SUBMARINE STORY.

Madrid, Jan. 22.

The Minister of Marine denies that the Spanish submarine *Isaac Peral* is in Danish waters. He states that it is still in the American shipyard, whence it will proceed direct to Spain.

DUTCH MAIL STEAMER ARRESTED.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 22.

The *Handelsblad* reports that the mail steamer *Prins Hendrik* has been taken by the Germans to Zeebrugge.

A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 22.

Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, has accepted a proposal for the formation of a National Government.

SCHOOL FOR ORIENTAL STUDIES.

LONDON, Jan. 22.

The School for Oriental Studies has been opened to students. The date of the formal opening by the King has not yet been finally settled.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GREAT DISASTER NEAR LONDON.

TERRIBLE HAVOC BY EXPLOSION OF A MUNITIONS FACTORY.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

It is officially announced that an explosion occurred in a munitions factory in the neighbourhood of London last evening, and it is feared there was a considerable loss of life and damage.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

LATER.

The Ministry of Munitions has issued the following report:

Fire started last night in a factory in the East End of London, near the river, employed in refining explosives. A few minutes afterwards an explosion occurred. Many operatives escaped meanwhile. All the explosives and the factory were completely destroyed. Fires were caused in neighbouring factories, including an important flour mill. The explosion was felt at a great distance.

Three rows of houses in the neighbourhood were practically demolished, and other property was considerably damaged. A local fire-engine was destroyed and two firemen were killed while playing on the fire.

The chief chemist of the factory and a number of work-people were killed and buried in the debris.

FURTHER DETAILS.

LATER.

The explosion in the East End last night was one of the most terrible experienced in the Metropolis. The entire City, to the outlying suburbs, was shaken. The echoes of the car-splitting report had scarcely died away when an angry glare filled the eastern sky. The wildest rumours spread, but gradually the facts filtered out and were found to be in very truth dreadful enough.

Fires caused by falling burning debris broke out in the area, enveloping, in addition to a flour mill, other industrial concerns and many houses.

Firemen, police, and military men, with ambulances, rushed to the scene, but it was impossible to remove the victims to hospital in the available ambulances. Street vehicles were therefore requisitioned and military ambulance waggon summoned, and a five-minute convoy organised.

Thus the most seriously injured persons were removed to the hospitals which had been commandeered. Fifty are stated to be killed, but that is only an estimate.

Apparently the first accident happened in the factory without warning. A vast eruption resulted and blew up the entire establishment.

A scene of the utmost terror occurred. Masses of burning liquid, timber, and red hot iron were projected in all directions. It was found essential to demolish several buildings to check the progress of the fire.

The number killed in the factory and neighbourhood has not been ascertained, but, owing to warning being given, the casualties were not nearly as heavy as anticipated. Between 30 and 40 bodies have been recovered and about 100 reported as seriously injured.

The Local Government Board and Local Authorities have undertaken to have funds raised. Meanwhile the Minister of Munitions has requested the Borough Authorities to provide immediate necessary relief.

The Ministry of Munitions states that the accident will make no practical difference to the output of munitions.

The Minister of Munitions visited the storehouse.

scene to-day, and every effort is being made to deal with the unfortunate effects.

The King has twice enquired as to the damage and loss of life, and expressed solicitude for the families of the victims.

DEATH ROLL OF BETWEEN 50 AND 60.

Twenty-one died in ten hospitals yesterday; therefore the death-roll of the explosion is now between 50 and 60. The in-patients number 112, and in addition 265 more slightly injured are being treated.

THE INDIAN WAR LOAN.

"TIMES" CRITICISM.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

In connection with the announcement of the Indian War Loan, the *Times* criticises the policy of the Raj, and particularly Sir William Meyer, financial member of the Viceroy's Council, in objecting to the extension of the War Loan to India, lest it should impede the raising of internal loans for normal purposes.

The *Times* is sure that the expectations of a large response will be realised, and is of opinion that the loan will work out very much upon the lines advocated by the Hon. Mr. Webb, "one of the ablest and most earnest of India's public men." As the Imperial Government have large payments to make to India the money will probably remain there, but even the comparatively modest sum of £25,000,000, mentioned by Mr. Webb as well within India's possibilities, would be a substantial help to the Home Exchequer, and tend to maintain the stability of Exchange.

The article emphasises that the loan will be quite voluntary, and welcomes Mr. Chamberlain's assurance that no Rupee loan will be raised in India for Indian purposes. The writer expresses the opinion that the proper course for the Raj at present is to ruthlessly cut down every class of internal expenditure and commend to the Home Authorities the view that India ought at present to be entirely independent of food imports from England.

THE "YARROWDALE" FATE.

TAKEN INTO SWINEMUNDE.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.

It is officially announced that the steamer *Yarrowdale* has been brought into Swinemunde.

MINOR OPERATIONS ON BRITISH AND FRENCH FRONTS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says: We carried out a successful raid on the east of St. Eloi.

There has been considerable artillery fire on both sides, particularly on the right of our line.

We effectively bombarded enemy positions on the La Bassée Canal, to the south-east of Bois Grenier.

PARIS, Jan. 21.

After an artillery duel south of La-signy an enemy *coup de main* failed.

The French, in a raid on the north-west of Soissons, captured prisoners.

There have been patrol encounters at Burnhaupt and in Alsace.

A strong enemy reconnaissance on the south-west of Altkirch was repulsed.

THE RUMANIAN CAMPAIGN.

ENEMY USING EXPLOSIVE BULLETS.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A Russian official report by wireless states: Covered by concentrated artillery fire, considerable enemy forces, attacking our Nancetti front in the vicinity of the river Rinnik pressed back our detachments towards the Sereth.

The enemy exclusively used explosive bullets south-east of Rakotich, and used the same class of bullets in the Caucasus.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A German official report states: The Rumanians made desperate attacks on the north of the Susita Valley, and were five times sanguinarily repulsed. We captured 400 prisoners.

General Mackensen has captured Mannetti on the Sereth, despite snow storms.

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SITUATION IN ATHENS.

IMPROVING DAILY.

ATHENS, Jan. 18.

The situation is improving daily. Negotiations on the application of the Entente demands began yesterday.

The Chief of Police has given an assurance that the released Venzelists will not be molested.

The officers of the mixed military control have arrived.

THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS TO GENERAL SMUTS.

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Jan. 20.

The King has sent the following message to General Smuts:

As you are relinquishing the Chief Command in East Africa I desire to congratulate you on the effective manner in which you have successfully conducted operations, notwithstanding the unusually difficult conditions. I wish to thank you for the valuable services recently rendered to the Empire.

THE WAR LOAN BOOM.

SUBSCRIPTIONS STILL POURING IN.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The War Loan boom is undiminished. Twenty subscriptions yesterday totalled £24,500,000.

"THE FIELD" EDITOR'S COMPLAINT.

AN INQUIRY ORDERED.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The *Daily Mail* states that Lord Derby, Secretary of State for War, has ordered an inquiry into the circumstances alleged by the Editor of *The Field*.

MR. BALFOUR'S NOTE.

CORDIAL RECEPTION IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.

Mr. Balfour's Note has been cordially received by the American Press. The *World* says: "Nobody has stated the case against Germany with less passion and more clearness."

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THE FIGHTING ON THE RIGA FRONT.

RUSSIANS IN WHITE TUNICS IN SNOW COUNTRY.

A telegram from Riga, transmitted to Harbin by the Petrograd Telegraphic Agency, dated January 9th, states that fighting on the Riga front continues favourably for the Russians, whose positions on the Riga front are being strengthened by the length of the River Aa, in Courland Province, gives them important strategic advantages and has caused the enemy serious anxiety in the Mita sector. Furious enemy counter-attacks have completely failed.

The Russians have strengthened their positions taken from the enemy and are continuing operations, which on account of their extended front, are now more systematic.

According to the latest news the Russian pressure along the Riga front has now become a serious panic. The Russian attack was launched where the Germans least expected it just before Christmas. Consequently the enemy was taken unawares.

Prisoners state that it is hard to describe the effect of the Russian sudden unexpected attack on the Germans in their trenches and most of them surrendered. Many German officers who were sleeping in their comfortable underground quarters rushed out and tried to rally their men but soon met their death. The Germans were unable to make use of the great part of their machine-guns. Many guns and machine-guns were captured by us and were immediately used against the enemy. Large numbers of prisoners have arrived in Riga. They consist of middle-aged landwehr and include not only Germans and Austrians but also Turks and Bulgarians, and are dressed in all kinds of garments. A number of long-range and quick-firing guns, mortars, field-guns and ammunition wagons have been brought into Riga and are being exhibited on the boulevards and in the cathedral grounds, where they attract large crowds.

CHINESE M.P.'S HOLIDAYS.

DELAYING LEGISLATION.

Owing to the large number of Members of Parliament who have left for their homes for the Chinese New Year, there is a possibility that the second reading of the Bill of the Constitution will be delayed through the lack of a quorum. The Chairman of the Conference last week wired to the absentees urging them to return.

COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE IN COLOMBO.

We take from the "Times of Ceylon" the following report of the introduction of the Compulsory Military Service Bill in the Legislative Council:

Mr. Stubbs explained that there had been a strongly-expressed desire in Ceylon that there should be compulsory military service for all Europeans of military age. The measure now before the Council was the outcome of this desire. During the time that he was administering the Government he appointed a Committee to consider the question. The report which that Committee made was confidential, and, consequently, he was not in a position to deal with it.

Before going any further there were two points he wished to make quite plain. It was not intended by the Bill to send home for service at the front the Europeans in Ceylon or to displace with the garrison that was here. Its object was to increase the strength and efficiency of the local forces, which had always been regarded as an important adjunct to the regular garrison, and which had rendered great service to the Empire in the course of the present war.

It was not of the opinion the measure would largely increase the local forces. It was very rare, he thought, to find any man of military age who was not serving in one or other of the local Corps. But they had the future as well as the present to consider, and it was highly desirable that every man coming into the island, as well as those already in the island, should be called upon. In connection with the question of efficiency Mr. Stubbs pointed out that so long as the forces were purely of a voluntary character, it was difficult to expect the same level of efficiency that there would exist if the men were compelled to serve. For instance, there was always the man who, for some reason or other, felt dissatisfied with his condition and wished to resign. The Bill would prevent such resignations, and it would give the military authorities a greater measure of control, and consequently would enable them to establish a greater measure of efficiency.

He frankly confessed that the Bill was "susceptible" to some improvements, and he had no doubt that it would receive them in the course of its progress through the Council. He might mention that it had been submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and he, while approving its proposal, desired that there should be every opportunity for it to be thoroughly discussed, and it must be understood that the Official Members would not be bound to vote for it.

Coming to some of the amendments which on more matured consideration and in the light of information which he had since garnered several amendments seemed desirable. Mr. Stubbs thought that the age-limit—placed in the Bill at 55—was too high. He did not think that there were many men in Ceylon of that age who were capable of efficiently performing military duty, and he thought the age-limit might be reduced to 50.

That, however, would not prevent older men placing their services at the disposal of the military authorities if they desired. Again, it had been represented to him that Clause 35 providing that all men between the ages of 18 and 40 should serve in a volunteer corps was ambiguous. The question had been asked him whether it was intended that a man between 18 and 40 will be able to acquire himself of his liability by joining one or other of the Town Guards. The answer was in the negative. "Gentlemen of military age," said Mr. Stubbs, "will have no such soft option." It would, of course, be necessary to differentiate. Without discussion, he thought the Town Guards in the outstations might be regarded more or less as special constables. In Colombo this was not so. "The Town Guard in Colombo," added the Colonial Secretary, "is, or can be made, a military force of considerable value." Steps are to be taken accordingly to organize it in a manner which would enable it to attain the same high level of efficiency as the Town Guard Artillery, and to this section of the Town Guard would be confined men of 18 to 40. There would be reserve companies for the older men, but the men between 18 and 40 would, as he had said, be required to attain the same high level of efficiency as the Town Guard Artillery.

Dealing with the question of discipline, Mr. Stubbs pointed out that it would be necessary for the military authorities to direct men who did not already belong to a corps to join whatever unit in which the authorities might consider their services were most required, while they would also have the power to transfer men from one corps to another. Both these powers, however, would be subject to confirmation by His Excellency the Governor and here the Committee which were established under the Bill would come into operation and their recommendations would be considered. Amendments might be necessary as to dealing with offences. At present it was provided that this matter should lie with the Committee. He thought it might be found that this would be neither desirable nor practicable, and as far as military offences were concerned it might be necessary to take these out of the hands of the Committee.

Here Mr. Stubbs left the measure which was seconded and the Council went on to consider other matters.

The "first reading" had occupied ten minutes. Mr. Stubbs was often halting and occasionally was by no means as explicit as would have been desired. "I do not wish to follow," said one who heard his speech, "what is meant by the T.G. attaining the same high level of efficiency as the T.G.A. Does it mean Swedish drill and tactics? Clause 35 seems to be giving more ambiguous."

"Next week," however, the amendments verbally outlined will be legally defined.

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DESIGN OF SUBMARINES.

Submarines are armed with torpedoes and with guns. In regard to the torpedo, a peculiarity exists which differentiates its use very much from that of the gun.

The initial velocity of a projectile from a high-power gun is 3,000 ft. per second. The speed of the fastest ship is not over 60 ft. per second. As these two velocities are in the ratio of 50 to 1 a ship cannot escape from a projectile fired at her.

The greatest velocity of an automobile torpedo seldom exceeds about 40 miles an hour, and this only for moderate ranges. By reducing the speed to 30 miles or less an hour the compressed air in the flask can drive the torpedo further, but such speeds, according to a United States naval officer, Captain W. L. Rodgers, are of the same order of magnitude as those of the target ship. Consequently, the direction and speed in which the target ship is moving are most important elements in deciding when she is within range.

Consider, for instance, a 30-knot torpedo capable of running 10,000 yards. If fired at a ship approaching at the rate of 20 knots, there is a chance of hitting if fired at a distance of over 15,000 yards, whereas if the target is withdrawing at 20 knots the torpedo will exhaust its motive power and stop before overtaking the target if fired from any range above 8,000 yards.

When submerged the submarine itself also is limited both in speed and radius—12 miles at most at 10 or 12 knots, 100 miles more or less at 5 or 6 knots. Thus when favourable opportunities occur it is disconcerting that of the torpedo which is so much feared as its chief weapon. It cannot "Engage."

A submarine cannot be given the highest surface speed because of the heavily built hull and the heavy storage batteries. Such surface speed as can be given to a submarine is inadequate for the tactical requirements of battle. It may enable a submarine to assume a favourable position for submerging ahead of its approaching enemy, but it cannot be great enough to be satisfactory in the tactical approach, as is the case with the torpedo, boat, or gun.

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charging upon the enemy. As the submarine when submerged cannot hope to overtake its target it must lie in wait for the target to come to it.

THE VULNERABILITY OF THE SUBMARINE.

Limited to moderate surface speed and low submerged speed, and unable to increase weight by the addition of armour, the submarine is obliged to rely upon her faculty for concealment as her chief means for employing her weapon, whether mine or torpedo. But concealment entails disadvantages. In hiding herself she becomes blind, and it is by the adoption of the periscope she has recovered partial sight, she has sacrificed a corresponding measure of invisibility. Before concealing herself to attack, the submarine first must sight her enemy in order to direct her attack. To accomplish this to best advantage she must rise and search the horizon with natural vision. Unfortunately when so doing she cannot promptly submerge, and is therefore liable to surprise attack. This submarine's difficulty in seeing has consequences which extend beyond the individual ship. Its warfare there is a combatant advantage in superior numbers, which is greater than the numerical ratio of the hostile force (as may be mathematically shown). For this reason it has always been reckoned a great point, both ashore and afloat, to bring superior forces to engage simultaneously upon the field of battle. But the submarine's imperfect vision occasions danger of interfering with friends when large submarine forces are concentrated for simultaneous concerted action, such as does not exist in the assemblage of any type of surface craft. Thus the submarine is not only an arm to be used by stealth, but its most favourable opportunities occur in dispersed and solitary action rather than in concentrated and co-ordinated action.

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2. P.C. 780 F. E. Remedios 69
3. Staff Inspector Taniguan and P.C. 501 J. A. Barradas 64
4. P.C. 745 J. A. Gutierrez and P.C. 781 C. A. Rodriguez 62
5. P.C. 561 Antonio 61
6. P.C. 553 J. M. Ribeiro 60

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Thursday, January 25th.—Staff Class and Class II.
Friday, January 26th.—Class I. (Inspector Gerard) and Class III. (Inspector Grant).

Note.—Members will attend in uniform and provide their own writing material.
PARADES, 5.30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26th.—All Recruits of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Companies under the Sergeant-Major.

Monday, January 29th.—No. 2 Company: Maxim Gunners, All Recruits.
Tuesday, January 30th.—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies, Ambulance Platoon, and Buglers and Drummers.

Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—All Recruits.
Friday, Feb. 2nd.—No. 1 Company.

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Thursday, January 25th.—Practice at Club Lane at 6 p.m.

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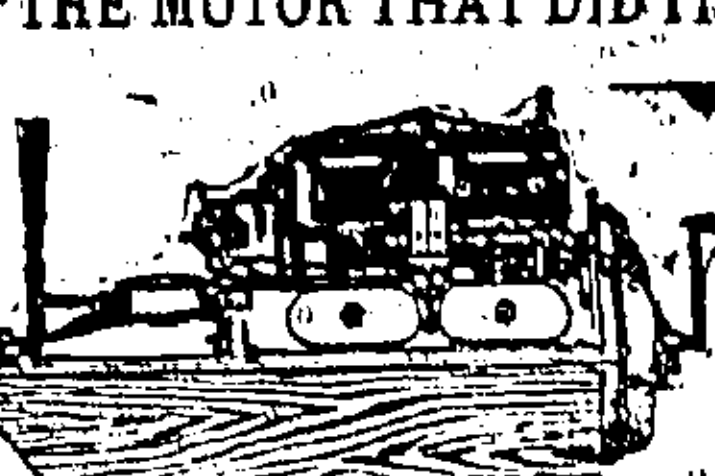
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FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Beavers.

Quarter hour 20 cents.
Half hour 25
One hour 30
Three hours 60
Six hours 70
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) \$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.
Between the hours of 4.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Beavers.

Hour 0.60 cents.
Three hours \$1.00
Six hours 1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Beavers With 4 Beavers.

Quarter hour \$0.15 \$0.30
Half hour 0.20 0.40
One hour 0.30 0.60
Two hours 0.50 0.80
Three hours 0.70 1.00
Six hours 1.00 1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 1.50 2.00

IV.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes 5 cents.
Quarter hour 10
Half hour 15
One hour 20
Every subsequent hour 20

Note.—If the ricksha is engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour 5 cents.
Half hour 10
Hour 15
Every subsequent hour 10

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hire causes the journey to take longer than—
To 4th mile 75 cents 1 hour.
return \$1.00 2 hours.
Beyond 4th to 6th mile—
single \$1.50 2 hours.
return \$1.50 4
Beyond 6th to 8th mile—
single \$1.75 2 1/2
return \$2.00 5
Beyond 8th to 11th mile—
single \$2.00 3
return \$2.50 7

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.
The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

I.

From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home 04 cents.
From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital 04
From Government Civil Hospital to Lock Tower 04
From Lock Tower to Race Course 10
From Race Course to Bay View House 12
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay 08

II.—In the City of Victoria.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

III.—Beyond Victoria.

One hour 20 cents.
Two hours 45
Three 60
Four 75
Five 90
Six 100
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.50

IV.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

V.—In the Island of Hongkong.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

VI.—In the Island of Hongkong.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

VII.—In the Island of Hongkong.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

VIII.—In the Island of Hongkong.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

IX.—In the Island of Hongkong.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

X.—In the Island of Hongkong.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

XI.—In the Island of Hongkong.

Quarter hour 10 cents.
Half hour 10
One hour 20
Two hours 35
Three 50
Four 60
Five 70
Six 75
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 11.30.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly from Vladivostok to Weihaiwei and over N. Annam, and increased slightly from Shanghai to Formosa. It is nearly stationary elsewhere.

The monsoon will probably be interrupted along the east coast of China to-morrow, but remain fresh to moderate over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.34 inches, against an average of 0.74 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 23rd January:—

1.—Hongkong to Cap Rock: E. winds, strong to moderate; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong to fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: E. winds, moderate.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN JANUARY.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of January, 1917:—

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
Jan. 22nd.	6.53 a.m.	6.18 p.m.
" 23rd.	6.53	6.17
" 24th.	6.53	6.18
" 25th.	6.53	6.18
" 26th.	6.53	6.19
" 27th.	6.53	6.20
" 28th.	6.51	6.21
" 29th.	6.51	6.22
" 30th.	6.51	6.23

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JANUARY 22, 1917.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
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